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SUBJECT: TURKISH REPLIES TO U.S. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

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1. THE TEXTS OF REPLIES FROM PRIME MINISTER DEM;REL AND
FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL TO THE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES
RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE AND CLARK
CLIFFORD ARE QUOTED BELOW. THESE LETTERS, ESPECIALLY THE
ONES FROM CAGLAYANGIL, SEEM NOTEWORTHY BOTH BECAUSE THEY

SUGGEST A DEGREE OF WARMTH THAT HAS BEEN HITHERTO LACKING
AND BECAUSE THEY SIGNIFY TURKISH AWARENESS THAT EFFORTS
ARE REQUIRED BY BOTH SIDES IF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE
TO BE RESTORED. CAGLAYANGIL ALSO AGREES TO MEET WITH THE
SECRETARY IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER, AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT
CLIFFORD CAN MAKE "A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION" TO REMOVING
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THE REMAINING OBSTACLES TO THE FULL RESTORATION OF OUR
SECURITY RELATIONSHIP--BOTH STRONG HINTS THAT A TURKISH-US
DIALOGUE CAN BE RESTARTED THIS FALL.

2. TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL'S AUGUST 4 LETTER TO
PRESIDENT CARTER READS:

QTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I THANK YOU FOR THE CORDIAL

MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS WHICH YOU HAVE SENT ME ON MY ASSUMING, ONCE AGAIN, THE DUTIES OF PRIME MINISTER OF THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT. I WISH TO SAY ON THIS OCCASION THAT WE ON OUR PART FULLY REALIZE THE VALUE AND MEANING OF THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH HAVE BEEN FORGED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES OVER THE LAST DECADES. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL SERVE THE NOBLE AIMS OF CONSOLIDATING PEACE AND STABILITY. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL SPARE NO EFFORTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA IN SERVING THE CAUSE OF A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL MANKIND. SINCERELY, SULEYMAN DEMIREL. UNQTE.

3. TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S AUGUST 3 LETTER TO SECRETARY VANCE READS:

QTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, I THANK YOU FOR THE KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION WHICH YOU HAVE SENT ME ON MY ASSUMING AGAIN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF FOREIGN MINISTER. MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY INDICATED ITS DESIRE TO CONTINUE AND FURTHER DEVELOP THE TRADITIONAL RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT OUR HISTORICAL TIES HAVE MUCH CONTRIBUTED TO PEACE, STABILITY AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION
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AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT EFFORTS REQUIRED ON BOTH SIDES TO RESTORE FULL CONFIDENCE IN OUR RELATIONS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. I SHOULD BE VERY GLAD TO BE ABLE TO MEET YOU IN NEW YORK IN THE AUTUMN FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. SINCERELY YOURS, IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL UNQTE.

4. TEXT OF MESSAGES DATED AUGUST 3 FROM PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL SENT DIRECTLY TO LAW OFFICES OF CLARK CLIFFORD:

A. QTE: DEAR MR. CLIFFORD, I THANK YOU FOR THE KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS WHICH YOU HAVE SENT ME ON THE OCCASION OF MY ASSUMING AGAIN THE DUTIES OF PRIME MINISTER OF THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

OUR CONVERSATIONS THIS YEAR IN ANKARA AND IN LONDON HAVE BEEN FRANK AND USEFUL IN OUR SEARCH FOR WAYS CONDUCIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONS. , DO BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES WILL ELIMINATE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WITH WARM BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, SULEYMAN DEMIREL UNQTE.

B. QTE: DEAR MR. CLIFFORD, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
WARM AND FRIENDLY MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON MY ASSUMING

AGAIN THE FUNCTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE NEW TURKISH
GOVERNMENT. THIS GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT I
ALSO RECALL WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH WE
HAD IN ANKARA IN FEBRUARY LAST, WHEN WE WERE SO IMPRESSED
BY YOUR EMINENT QUALITIES, AND LATER IN LONDON. WE KNOW
YOUR DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE
HISTORICAL TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND I FEEL
CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION
IN ELIMINATING THE REMAINING OBSTACLES IN THE FULL
RESTORATION OF OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP. WITH PERSONAL
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REGARDS, SINCERELY, IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL. UNQTE. VANCE

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